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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on Feb.9, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 5, recitation “. . . the first and second organic insulating layer photosensitive resin.” Should be changed into - - the first and second organic insulating layers are photosensitive resin. - -

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. Claims 1, 6-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,407,784 B1 (Kanou et al) in view of US 6,784,957 B2 (Kanou et al as Kanou' 957).

Regarding claim 1, Kanou discloses (col.8, line 5 – col.9, line 26; Fig.3) that a method of forming a reflective electrode in a liquid crystal display comprising:

- depositing a first organic insulating film (28) on a substrate (35A) (the material of the insulating film is organic insulating film, see col.13, lines 57-65);
- forming a first peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25) in the first organic insulating layer (28);
- depositing a second organic insulating film (30) on the first peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25) (the material of the insulating film is organic insulating film, see col.13, lines 57-65);
- forming second peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25A) in the second organic insulating film (30);
- forming a reflective electrode (74) on the first and second peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25, 25A);
- the first and second peak and depression (raised and recessed) layers (25, 25A) each overlap (overlap a predetermined area) and having different height (the two raised and recessed layers having different heights).

Kanou does not explicitly disclose using first mask to form the first peak and depression layer and using second mask to form the second peak and depression layer.

Kanou' 957 discloses (col.4, line 64 – col.5, line 13) that using a mask pattern to

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form the convex/concave (peak and depression) in the insulating film that enables to accurately control the shape of the convex/concave pattern and to form a desired convex/concave pattern with a high reproducibility. Such that forming different pattern should use different mask pattern, and using first mask to form first peak and depression layer and using second mask to form second peak and depression layer.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the reflective plate fabricating method of Kanou with the teachings of using mask to form the peak and depression layers as taught by Kanou' 957, since the skilled in the art would be motivated for achieving accurately control the shape of the peak and depression pattern so as to form a desired peak and depression pattern with a high reproducibility (see col.4, line 64 – col.5, line 13).

Regarding claims 6-9, Kanou teaches the invention set forth above except for that the first mask and the second mask have light transmission portion and light reflecting portion, and the mask is transfective mask.

Kanou'957 discloses (col.22, line 51 – col.23, line 15; Fig.34) that using mask (282) having convex/concave pattern (281) and contact pattern (280), and the light passing is controlled; and using such mask having light passing portion and light not passing portion (would be reflecting portion) (transfective mask) (see Fig.34), so that would be possible to simultaneously obtain different etching amounts, so as to simultaneously control the exposure amount to obtain the desired convex/concave pattern (peak and depression pattern).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the reflective plate fabricating method of Kanou with the teachings of using transfective mask having light transmission portion and light reflective portion as taught by Kanou'957, since the skilled in the art would be motivated for achieving simultaneously control the light passing amount so as to obtain the desired peak and depression pattern (see col.22, line 51 – col.23).

Regarding claim 11, Kanou discloses (col.8, line 5 – col.9, line 26; Fig.3) that the plurality of second peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25A) overlapped with the first peak and depression (raised and recessed) layer (25), and also overlapped with the peaks (raised portion).

4. Claims 2, 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanou and Kanou'957 as applied to claims 1, 6-9 and 11 above, and further in view of Applicant admitted prior art (AAPA).

Regarding claims 2 and 5, Kanou and Kanou'957 teach the invention set forth above except for the first and second organic insulating layers are photosensitive resin, and the first and second peak and depression layers are softened by a curing bake process to form a plurality of peak patterns.

AAPA discloses (paragraphs 0059, 0062) that a conventional reflecting surface with peak and depression structure as shown in Figs.10A to 10E in which using photosensitive resin film to form the peak and depression structure through the curing bake process and the plurality of peak patterns of the photosensitive resin film are softened to form curved patterns of peaks and depressions.

Because the curing bake process generates heat, and under the thermal treatment the photosensitive resin are softened that is the property of the photosensitive resin, and that is conventional for obtaining the curved patterns of peaks and depressions.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the reflective plate fabricating method of Kanou with the teachings of using photoresistive resin to form the peak and depression structure as taught by AAPA, since the skilled in the art would be motivated for using heat easily to form the peak and depression structure as the photoresistive resin being softened under thermal treatment (see paragraphs 0059, 0062).

Regarding claim 10, Kanou and Kanou'957 teach the invention set forth above except for the first and second peak and depression layers have a plurality of peaks that are randomly arranged.

AAPA discloses (paragraphs 0064) that a conventional reflecting surface with peak and depression structure as shown in Figs.10A to 10E in which the peak and depression pattern is formed randomly so as to avoid the interference of the light generated between peaks and depressions.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the reflective plate fabricating method of Kanou with the teachings of randomly arranging the peaks as taught by AAPA, since the skilled in the art would be motivated for avoiding the interference of the light generated between peaks and depressions (see paragraphs 0064).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3-4 and 12-13 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record neither anticipated nor rendered obvious that a method of fabricating a reflective plate used in a liquid crystal display comprises various steps as claimed, more specifically, as the following features:

forming first and second peak and depression layers having plurality of peaks in which the highest point and the center of each of the peaks in the first peak and depression layer are different from the highest point and the center of each of the peaks in the second peak and depression layer [claims 3-4, as shown in Fig.15H];

forming first and second peak and depression layers having plurality of peaks in which the peaks in the second peak and depression layer overlapped with portions of the peaks of the first peak and depression layer with a height less than one half height of the peaks of the first peak and depression layer; and the final peak shape having a ratio of a height to a radius of 1:10 [claims 13-14].

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed on Feb. 9, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

1) The reference Kanou teaches (col.8, lines 34 – 43; Fig.3) that the first

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insulating film (28) (organic) is formed with first raised and recessed (peak and depression) portions (25) on a substrate (35A), the second insulating film (30) (organic) on the first raised and recessed (peak and depression) is formed with second raised and recessed (peak and depression) portions (25A); and the first and second peak and depression (raised and recessed) layers (25, 25A) each overlap (overlap a predetermined area) and having different height (the two raised and recessed layers having different heights).

2) The reference Kanou'957 is relied on to teach (col.4, line 64 – col.5, line 13) using mask pattern to form the convex/concave (peak and depression) in the insulating film that enables to accurately control the shape of the convex/concave pattern and to form a desired convex/concave pattern with a high reproducibility.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Qi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2299.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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